

## City of San Diego Teen Court

### COURTROOM SCRIPT (Clerk Script)

*The names contained in this script are fictitious and have no relation to any actual Teen Court cases.*

#### BEGINNING OF EACH CASE

**JUDGE:** Will all of Team \_\_\_\_\_ **1 (Red Team), 2 (Blue Team), 3 (Purple Team), 4 (Green Team)** jurors, attorneys, court clerk and bailiff, please take their places for trial.

You are now instructed to give your complete attention to the evidence and arguments about to be presented. Remember that the defendant is guilty of the charge made against him or her. Your sole duty is to determine what sentence, if any, is fair and appropriate.

Will the Bailiff please call order to the courtroom.

**BAILIFF:** Here ye, here ye. All those having business before this honorable court come forward and be heard. The City of San Diego Teen Court is now in session.

**JUDGE:** "Will the Clerk please announce the title of the first/next case?"

**CLERK:**

1. Teen Court Docket Number **032103-01**  
entitled State of California versus **Mike M.**  
now comes on for hearing.
2. Teen Court Docket Number **032103-02**  
entitled State of California versus **Sarah H.**  
now comes on for hearing.
3. Teen Court Docket Number **032103-03**  
entitled State of California versus **Nathan S.**  
now comes on for hearing.
4. Teen Court Docket Number **032103-04**  
entitled State of California versus **Heather F.**  
now comes on for hearing.

**PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE**

**People's Case**

**JUDGE:** "Do the People wish to present any evidence at this time?"

*The Prosecutors will either have one witness or will read a stipulation to the facts.*

***If Witness:***

**Attorney:** "The people call \_\_\_\_\_ to the stand."

**JUDGE:** "Will the clerk please swear the next witness?"

**CLERK:** DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE TESTIMONY YOU ARE ABOUT TO GIVE IN THIS CASE IS THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH?

1. Direct examination of People's first witness.

**JUDGE:** "Does the Defense wish to cross examine the witness?"

2. Cross-examination by the Defense.

NOTE: At this point, the Judge may wish to ask a question(s) of the witness to clarify a matter or bring out a point that the Judge knows about that has not been brought out.

**JUDGE:** "Any further witnesses for the People?"

3. Same as above for any additional witnesses.

***If Stipulation.***

**Attorney:** "Yes, your honor, the People would like to enter a stipulation into the record."

*Prosecutor reads the stipulation into the record.*

**JUDGE:** *(To defense counsel)* Is that the agreed upon stipulation.

**Attorney:** "Yes, your honor."

**JUDGE:** Ladies and gentleman, a stipulation is an agreement on a certain set of facts between the People and the Defense that you should take as true. Therefore, everything you have just heard should be accepted by you as fact.

**JUDGE:** Any further evidence from the People?

**Defendant's Case**

**JUDGE:** "Will defense please call its first witness?"

1. Defense calls their first witness

**JUDGE:** "Will the clerk please swear the witness?"

**CLERK:** DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE TESTIMONY YOU ARE ABOUT TO GIVE IN THIS CASE IS THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH?

2. Direct examination of Defendant's first witness.

**JUDGE:** "Do the People wish to cross examine the witness?"

3. Cross-examination by the People.

***NOTE: At this point, the Judge may wish to ask a question(s) of the defendant to clarify a matter or bring out a point that the judge knows about that has not been brought out.***

**JUDGE:** "Any further witnesses for the defense?"

4. Same as above for any additional witnesses.

**JURORS  
RECONVENE FOR  
SENTENCING**

**(Note: The sentences will be read between the trials.)**

**JUDGE:** Will the **Defendant, defense attorneys and prosecutors** for **Team \_\_\_\_\_1 (Red), 2 (Blue)** all take their trial positions. And will the **Foreperson, Clerk and Bailiff** for **Team \_\_\_\_\_(1, 2)** take their positions at the podium.

**JUDGE:** Will the clerk please call the case to be heard for sentencing.

**CLERK:** Case # **032103-01**, State of California versus **Mike M.**  
Case # **032103-02**, State of California versus **Sarah H.**  
Case # **032103-03**, State of California versus **Nathan S.**  
Case # **032103-04**, State of California versus **Heather F.**

**JUDGE:** "Who is the foreperson of the Jury?" (Foreperson identifies him/herself)  
"Mr./Ms. (Foreperson), has the jury reached a verdict?"  
(Positive response)

Will the Bailiff please deliver the verdict form to the bench for inspection? (Judge inspects verdict to ensure that the sentence recommended is fair and appropriate. If so, Judge signs the form and returns it to the Bailiff.)

I find the sentence to be fair and appropriate. Will the Bailiff please return the form to the Court Clerk?

Will the defendant, the Prosecuting Attorney and the Defense Attorney please rise for sentencing? Will the Jury Foreperson please read the jury's verdict?